

HYDROLOGIC SOIL GROUPS IN THE

VALENTINE QUADRANGLE, NEBRASKA

INDEX MAP OF NEBRASKA SHOWING AREA OF PLATE (SHADED)

## DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SOIL GROUPS

Silty clay loams to silt loams with (a) permeabilities from 1.0 to 2.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to very gentle slopes (maximum slopes 1 to 3 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These soils are present on well-drained terraces and uplands in the central part of the State and are represented by the Hord-Hall and Holdrege-Hall associations.

Silt loams to fine sandy loams with (a) permeabilities from 2.0 to 5.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to moderately steep slopes (maximum slopes 10 to 20 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These soils are common in transitional areas between the sandhills and silty uplands and are represented by the Kenesaw-Hersh and Oglala-Jayem associations.

Fine sandy loams to fine sands with (a) permeabilities from 5.0 to 10.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to steep slopes (maximum slopes 10 to 20 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These soils occur on uplands and high terraces in transitional areas between sandy and silty soils and are represented by the Thurman-Boelus-Nora and Moody-Thurman associations.

Fine sandy loams to fine sands with (a) permeabilities from 5.0

to 10.0 inches per hour, (b) gentle to very steep slopes (maximum slopes exceeding 30 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These are principally shallow residual soils formed in sandstone on highly eroded uplands in the northern Panhandle of the State and are represented by the Busher-Sarben-Tassel and Tassel-Busher associations.

Fine sandy loams to fine sands with (a) permeabilities exceeding 10.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to very gentle slopes (maximum slopes 1 to 3 percent), and (c) shallow water tables with depths to seasonal high water table less than 6 feet. These soils are on flood plains and in Sand Hills valleys and are represented by the Gothenburg-Platte and Loup-Elsmere-Dunday associations.

Loamy fine sands to fine sands with (a) permeabilities exceeding 10 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to strong slopes (maximum slopes 3 to 10 percent), and (c) shallow water tables with depths to seasonal high water table less than 6 feet. These soils occupy extensive subirrigated valleys within the Sand Hills region and are represented by the Els-Valentine-Ipage and Elsmere-Dailey associations.

Loams to sands and gravels with (a) permeabilities exceeding 10.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to strong slopes (maximum slopes 3 to 10 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These soils occur in the uplands and are represented by the Jansen-O'Neill and O'Neill-Dunday-Meadin associations.

Loamy fine sands to fine sands with (a) permeabilities exceeding 10.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to very steep slopes (maximum slopes 20 to 30 percent), and (c) substantial areas having depths to seasonal high water table less than 6 feet. This hydrologic soil group is rather unique in that steeply sloping dunes alternate with subirrigated valleys with shallow water tables and seasonal ponding. The Valentine-Els and Valentine-Elsmere-Gannett associations represent these soils.

Loamy fine sands to fine sands with (a) permeabilities exceeding 10.0 inches per hour, (b) nearly level to very steep slopes (maximum slopes 20 to 30 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These soils are principally found in the Sand Hills uplands and are represented by the Valentine-Tassel and Valentine-Simeon associations.

Loamy fine sands to fine sands with (a) permeabilities exceeding 10.0 inches per hour, (b) gentle to very steep slopes (maximum slopes exceeding 30 percent), and (c) depths to seasonal high water table exceeding 6 feet. These soils are the most prevalent upland soils of the Sand Hills and are represented by the Valentine and Valentine, hilly and rolling associations.

HYDROLOGIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SOIL GROUP

Soil group	Average permeability of 60-inch soil profile (inches per hour)	Average permeability of least permeable horizon (inches per hour)	Average available water capacity (inches per inch)	Average maximum soil slope (percent)	Depth to seasonal high water table (feet)
212	1.23	1.14	.20	3	>6
332	3.29	2.93	.18	12	>6
432	6.56	2.94	.14	13	>6
452	7.54	4.00	.15	36	>6
511	12.90	3.99	.09	3	<6
521	12.86	10.53	.07	8	<6
522	12.37	3.32	.10	6	>6
541	12.67	11.38	.08	27	<6
542	12.20	7.57	.08	27	>6
552	12.38	10.67	.07	50	>6